



Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was held on September 10, 2024 at 3:30 PM in the Community Room of the City/County Building at 414 E. Callender Street. The meeting was facilitated by Chair Tom Blurock.

1. Call to Order (3:35 pm)

2. Roll Call (0:48 minutes)

In attendance: Chair Tom Blurock, Eli Isaly, Jack Luther, Kristen Vanderland. Planning Staff: Jennifer Severson.

3. Approval of August 13, 2024 Minutes (1:10 minutes)

Luther motioned to approve the August 13 meeting minutes. Isaly seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

4. General Public Comments (2:00 minutes)

No Public Comments.

5. New Business

A. DESIGN REVIEW – MOUNTAIN ROSE MED SPA – WINDOW DECALS (204 S. MAIN ST) (2:00 minutes)

The business owner will be putting text and logo decals in the three windows between the Park County senior center and Blend Smoothie. The decal will be white, size 36x36 inches. Brad in Building Department will let you know where to install the address signage. Applicant provided an overview of the services she'll provide and confirmed she will operate out of a business within the Blend Smoothie space.

Vanderland motioned to approve the window decals. Luther seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. (7:18 minutes)

B. DESIGN REVIEW – DANFORTH MUSEUM – WINDOWS (106 N. MAIN ST) (9:17 minutes)

The applicant stated that the glass in the windows and plastic seals surrounding them are in poor condition and continue to deteriorate. One of the upper windows broke recently during high wind and is boarded up as a temporary fix. He would like to replace the upper windows on the second floor now as that is all that is funded at this time. The bottom windows will be replaced when funding is available, likely next

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Spring. He would like to get all window replacements approved at this meeting. For upper windows, the top of each window is single fixed pane with double-hung panes beneath. Upper wooden frames will be replaced with fiberglass but frame color will be the same. Severson recommended caution when removing the existing wooden frames in case there is lead in the paint. Luther stated that the decals that are on the windows now need to remain the same once replaced.

Gibson arrived during item discussion- did not vote on application.

Vanderland motioned to approve all of the window replacements for the Danforth Museum. Isaly seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. (19:18 minutes)

C. DISCUSS DATE FOR DEDICATION OF SACAJAWEA/MILES PARK NATIONAL HISTORIC DISTRICT DESIGNATION PLAQUE (19:50 minutes). No action requested.

Final Farmers Market is next week so may not be able to organize a dedication of the plaque in time. Severson stated that one day of the Montana Downtown Main Street Conference is being held in Livingston in November. The city is looking at doing two walking tours (art and history tour). Severson stated it would be the perfect time to announce the Historic District Designation for Sacajawea and Miles Park. Luther and other board members supported this idea. Gibson asked for confirmation about where the plaque is located.

4. Old Business (24:57 minutes)

Severson stated that the Hiatt House sign has been restored, and all of the neon is working. The city will not be pursuing any legal action since the issue has been resolved.

Luther asked about the status of the commercial historic surveys downtown. Severson confirmed that the state has not yet assigned site numbers for the surveyed buildings, but they will eventually be entered individually into the National Register.

5. Board Comments (27:00 minutes)

Gibson stated the front of a store on S. Main (200 Block) is being re-stuccoed and they would like to put up a new awning. Severson stated that the particular business is not within the Historic District so they do not need to come through the HPC for approval. The lights will comply with the City's Dark Sky Ordinance.

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Blurock met with the project contractor and architects who are just beginning design stage. Severson confirmed the building is within the Downtown Historic District but the lot to the south is not. Blurock shared that the owners of the Industrial Towel property are planning to tear down the historic part of the existing building to build apartment complexes. Gibson asked if the current historic district includes residential structures. Severson wasn't sure how buildings within/ not within the district were determined when the district was mapped. Severson stated that there is no application in front of the board at this time and recommended the board limit discussion about the project until an application is presented.

Blurock and other board members expressed concern over the proposed demolition of the historic brick part of the building and would prefer to see some portion of the existing brick building preserved. Blurock stated that he anticipates this will be an expensive project and salvaging some of the building would likely be a small part of that cost. Board members discussed alternate location of the proposed restaurant and apartments. Gibson made suggestions about parking and vehicular access. Severson cautioned that any discussions by the board are premature and should be limited until an application is presented to the board. Vanderland suggested the discussion be tabled until plans are submitted for HPC review.

6. Adjournment (4:13 pm)